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(TOP) An RCMP collision analyst takes photos of the aftermath of a massive pileup that took place on the morning of Thursday, March 6, on the QEII near Westcott Road. (BOTTOM) There were about 30 vehicles involved in two separate pileups that morning in close proximity to each other.

Red Deer man killed in highway pileup

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

A 46-year-old Red Deer man was killed March 6 during a multi-vehicle collision on the Queen Elizabeth II Highway south of Westcott Road between Didsbury and Carstairs.

The man was driving southbound in a green Chevy Astro van when he was involved in a chain-reaction collision with several vehicles. A woman and child who were also in the Astro were transported to Calgary hospitals with what police described as "non-life-threatening injuries."

"Our investigation into the fatal portion of the collision is continuing. However, it is noted that weather

conditions were a contributing factor," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP.

The fatal collision occurred shortly after 8 a.m. and was one of two multi-vehicle collisions within about 500 metres of each other. Another multi-vehicle collision occurred 500 metres to the south, about two kilometres north of the Carstairs overpass.

Didsbury RCMP attended the scene to assist the Airdrie integrated traffic unit, which took control of the scene. RCMP members from Olds, an Airdrie rural RCMP member and peace officers from Didsbury also attended the scene to provide assistance. Didsbury peace officers assisted by rerouting traffic off the QE II at the Didsbury

overpass.

A detour was put in place around the scenes from about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while police conducted their investigation. People involved in the collisions who weren't injured were transported to a reception centre set up in Carstairs.

A dark brown and black Burnese mountain dog cross with white and light brown markings around its face escaped from one of the vehicles involved in the collisions and was still missing as of March 6, according to police.

"We don't know the name and we don't know the gender, we don't know the age. We just know that it's a Burnese mountain dog cross that was in one of the vehicles and upon first

opportunity fled (the scene)," said Cpl. Warren Wright.

Along with all the police personnel, the Didsbury and Carstairs fire departments, emergency medical services personnel and sheriffs' staff also provided assistance at the crash sites.

Jacobson said during adverse driving conditions such as those that were experienced on March 6, members of the travelling public should drive defensively according to road and weather conditions.

"We want to encourage people to certainly drive to the conditions when visibility is reduced to ensure you give yourself plenty of space between the vehicles in front of you and to slow down," he said.



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Line break leaves residents without water

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

A water line break in the Didsbury Mobile Home Park that recently left residents without water for several days while crews repaired the damage was fully fixed on the evening of March 6.

"It was a long haul. I would like to say thanks to all of our tenants for their patience and understanding," said Denise Smith, manager of the park.

One resident in the park said the break occurred on Feb. 28 and led to several residents posting messages on Facebook about the issue. But she said management of the park was slow to respond.

"Unfortunately the residents in the park weren't notified of anything. We actually had to call the manager and find out what was going on. We were all hearing different stories depending on when we'd call," said Leanne Akister, a resident in the park. "I guess they tried to fix it (March 1) but they had to give up just because the temperature got so low. It would have been nice to be called."

Because she has three children, Akister said she couldn't go longer

than a few hours without water. Her water stopped flowing at about 1 p.m. March 1. She went to her mother's house in Olds on the morning of March 2.

She said she felt fortunate that her water was only out since March 1 because she heard from others in the park that they had been without water since the previous afternoon.

"It's difficult, especially since it's so cold out. You don't want to be running around to different places trying to fill up with water."

The mobile home park has had similar breaks before in the five years she's lived there, Akister said.

"It happens more often than it seems (in) the rest of town," she said.

Akister said since the water had been shut off for so long, it froze on March 2.

Some of the residents are beginning to get frustrated with the park owners, as she says they've done little to improve roads and other infrastructure. She said the lot rent — she owns her home — has increased each of the five years she's lived there and some residents are starting to question what the increases have gone towards.

"There's nothing to show for it," Akister said.

Joy Godin, a resident who's lived in the park for nearly six years, said she got some water back on March 4, but didn't get full pressure back until March 5. She had been without water since March 1.

Godin had several four-litre jugs of water filled when the *Review* stopped by her home on March 5. She added that although she likes living in the park, it is frustrating dealing with water line breaks every winter.

"It's a big inconvenience."

Coun. Garth Hollinger, who also lives in the park, said although he too was without water for a period of time, he said both the Town of Didsbury and private contractors did a good job in responding to the issue.

Smith said a crew was continuing to work on the problem late in the afternoon on March 2.

"The main crack is fixed. They're going through the park fixing (other areas)."

On the morning of March 3, Smith said that although the main issue with the cracked main had been rectified, the extreme cold was wreaking havoc with getting the water back online



Paul Frey/MVP Staff

Workers pump steam down into the ground to thaw a water pipe in the Didsbury Mobile Home Park on March 5.

for many residents, and crews were having to go home-by-home to see if each home had enough heat to get water to individual homes.

"We're having a really rotten time. We're doing the best we can," she said.

Smith said she was made aware of the issue on March 2.

Trevor Quantz,

owner of Corner-stone Enterprises, one of the contractors that were called out to repair the water line, said his company had four workers and his was one of three companies working on the issue. Corner-stone began working on rectifying the issue on March 3.

Because of the low temperatures, Quantz

said it made working conditions difficult, with workers having to take breaks in order to stay warm.

He said many residents in the park were also helping out, however they could.

"You can't really expect anybody to work eight hours. It's a bit of a community effort to help out," he said on March 5.

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Jason Philp calls out bids during the live auction for at the Didsbury Ducks Unlimited chapter's annual fundraising event on March 8.

Ducks Unlimited hosts annual fundraiser

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

About 120 people attended the Didsbury Ducks Unlimited chapter's annual fundraiser on March 8 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Funds raised from the event are returned to the national organization, which then prioritizes projects from chapters all over Canada. The amount raised from the various auctions and banquet on March 8 wasn't immediately known at press time.

The annual banquet is the organization's largest single fundraiser of the year, with smaller fundraisers occurring throughout the year encouraging people to

bid on wildlife prints, said Alana Gibson, chair of the Didsbury DU chapter.

"There are other neighbouring towns ... in the area that do also have similar fundraisers. We haven't in a little while, but you will sometimes see in the local shops a print for sale," she said. "We appreciate the support that we get from the area. We have local people as well as people who aren't local come to our event."

While Gibson said the national organization prioritizes projects all over Canada, money does benefit local projects from time to time.

"There are Alberta and more local projects (supported) as well. It's not

really the chapters that have anything to do with the projects themselves. The individual chapters merely hold their fundraisers ... and that money just gets poured into Ducks Unlimited Canada and they have a priority listing and they go through and (determine) the best use of the monies that are raised," she said.

The organization's main objective is to protect wetland habitat. Wetlands also act as natural water filters and storage areas.

"Wetlands get destroyed every day by agriculture and by urbanization," added Alastair Gibson, a member of the Didsbury DU chapter. "Even around

Calgary, there's lots of marshes that have been destroyed. Even around here, watercourses are (being disturbed). We try and protect places that don't necessarily have to be developed," he said.

Town not responsible for water line break

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Town of Didsbury was not held responsible for a recent water line break inside the confines of the Didsbury Mobile Home Park.

Since the break occurred on private property, the owners of the park were responsible for fixing it, said Greg Skotheim, the town's manager of public works. He said no residents outside the park were affect-

ed by the loss of water.

"It's not really the responsibility of the Town of Didsbury," he said.

Skotheim said town staff did assist with shutting the water off at one point at the direction of contractors hired to repair the damage. The town is responsible for providing potable water to the park's property line as directed by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.

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Editorial

More child mental health support welcome news



DAN SINGLETON

Less than a month after announcing plans to improve the province's child intervention system, the Redford government has moved forward with another important child-related initiative.

Following a two-day multi-stakeholder round table conference that looked at the province's children's care system, the government says it will be making more mental health support available for abused children and their supporters. In all, \$5 million

has been earmarked for the undertaking.

As some of the most vulnerable residents in the province, children and youths who have been the victims of various types of abuse are wholly dependent on the availability of specialists and related programs.

Without the care that such programs and specialists can provide, some of those children and youth could find themselves on the road to long-term mental health problems, says Minister of Human Resources Manmeet Bhullar.

"Children and youth who have been abused or neglected are often very affected by the trauma they have endured," said Bhullar. "This funding will allow us to do a better job of addressing mental health concerns of children and youth who are receiving intervention services."

Health Minister Fred Horne added, "making sure that Alberta children, including those receiving intervention services and their families are supported is critical to the future health of our province."

The \$5 million will be targeted to several specific areas, including to "provide child intervention staff with instant access to expert clinical and medical consultation that will help them better understand available psychiatric treatment plans and appropriate medications" and "provide children's mental health supports for high-needs children and offer effective strategies to help foster parents and other caregivers."

The money will also be used to develop a cross-ministry mental health action plan that will "enhance and sustain a high-level of support for children involved in child intervention and expand the reach to support all children and families with mental health needs."

Last month the province unveiled a five-point plan focusing on enhancing information sharing about children in need, addressing the root causes that bring children into care, and supporting collaborative research to improve services to children and their families.

Together the five-point plan and this new \$5 million mental health initiative represents a very important investment in the health and well-being of Alberta children and youths.

While questions remain as to why Alberta children and youths do not already have all the health resources they require, these new steps should ensure that more is done to help those in need.

And for that the Redford government should be commended.



Letters to the editor

DCC should be given 'fair treatment'

Our Didsbury Curling Club has been paying to the Town of Didsbury \$10,000-plus per month rent and utilities expense from October to March for years. How can any club survive that, plus three wages, phone bills and other expenses, that come closer to \$15,000 per month? I called around to 14 clubs in the area and not one club pays their town what we pay – nowhere near as much. So, we are asking for fair treatment, not special treatment.

Cochrane, Olds, Crossfield, Acme and Three Hills pay minimal rent, being charged utilities only. Elnora and Wetaskiwin pay rent only – no utilities, and their rent is cheaper. Some clubs own their own building and some have agricultural societies take care of their expenses. Oddly enough – even when the Didsbury Agricultural Society owned the building (which was built by many volunteers) before selling it to the town for \$1 – we were still paying \$3,000 rent to

the town. How is that fair?

Innisfail pays only \$5,000 rent for the entire year, not monthly like us, and they get revenue from renting it out in the off-season months. And the town uses their rent money to cover major expenses. How can these other towns be so fair to their curling clubs? Their compressors have to run at close to the same expense, and some clubs have more sheets of ice than us – Wetaskiwin has eight sheets to our four. Could it be because recreation is supposed to be a soft recovery for all municipalities? I know our tax base is very small for curling – hockey and the pool are far more fortunate.

I wonder if all recreation clubs in Didsbury are being charged unreasonably for rent or maintenance fees – ball teams, soccer or football or others? Or ... the very lucky golf club that pays \$1 for the year.

The hockey clubs and figure skaters are charged by the hour,

and we were advised not to go that route? Perhaps we should consider it.

How can members of this great community and council want this beautiful facility to be added to the many vacant businesses in town? An empty curling rink is one less winter activity and the town is poorer for it in many ways. And this would affect many schoolchildren too, having 325 students participate in the phys-ed portion of curling, and we currently have 25 or more junior members in our club. Didsbury needs to have resources like an active curling club in order to attract new businesses and new residents and we need you, our valued elected council members, that we helped put into office, to make important decisions regarding the current taxpayers, to keep us here.

No curling club – no future for some of us.

Wanda Mudry
Didsbury

Didsbury resident applauds DCC efforts

I was encouraged by all who showed their support for the Didsbury curling rink at last week's public meeting when the future of the club came into question. To those who expressed their concern about their tax money subsidizing curling, I would like to say that I pay taxes to the county who in turn provide a recreational grant to your town to be used for all in town recreations.

If you suggest that the curling

rink should be able to function on user fees, then do you think the same idea would work for all the other recreational facilities in town? Regionalization might work if our neighbouring towns didn't already have functioning rinks, but I don't think we can expect them to leave their rink to come and support ours. The opposite seems to be more common in the last few years.

With the promise of new indus-

try and new families coming to Didsbury it would seem like the wrong time to let the rink close its doors.

Finally I would like to applaud all those who are working to save our rink. Especially Jen Bommarito who is relatively new to Didsbury and new to the sport of curling. Hurry hard Jen! Help us save the rink.

Bruce Smith
Didsbury

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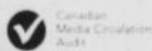
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THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIDSBURY/ CARSTAIRS meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Contact Ernie Ruckman. 403-335-4739. New Members Welcome!

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AROUND TOWN

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March 12

Fiev-0 Club welcomes members & guests to Pot luck Luncheon Wednesday March 12 at 12:30 pm. Please bring your favourite salad, dessert, meat, or vegetable dish.

March 15

Call to Artists! The Mountain View Arts Society is now accepting applications from visual artists from around the region until March 15th for the Art Show & Sale (A Brush With Art) at the Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo, April 5 & 6, 2014 in Didsbury. More info: www.mountainviewartsociety.ca. Merrilee 403-512-9888 Frankie 403-335-3633

March 15

Didsbury Museum hosts "Yuk Yuk's" On tour Stand-Up Comedy. "You just can't laugh any harder!" Multipurpose Room at Didsbury Sports Complex. Doors Open at 7 pm - Show starts at 8 pm. Cash bar, snacks available. Door prize is an Excursion for Two with Alberta Prairie Railway. 50/50 draws. Tickets are \$35 each \$30 with a museum membership available at the Didsbury Museum or via PayPal on the website: www.didsburymuseum.ca.

March 16

DFSC presents "Under the Sea" at 2pm. Admission is Free. Special guests: Carstairs Synchro Skills & Calgary Synchronized Skating Club - Black Gold.

March 18

Open House at the Didsbury Library. Refreshments, demonstrations and displays. Join us as we honour our volunteers and show you what's new @your library!

March 21

Movies @your library. Friday afternoon at 2 - "Mary Poppins" ... see the original Disney film from 50 years ago - winner of 5 Academy Awards! At 7 pm everyone is invited to watch "Saving Mr. Banks" ... how the surprisingly uptight author of Mary Poppins, P. L. Travers (played by Emma Thompson) is convinced by Walt Disney (played by Tom Hanks) to make the movie.

March 24

Tails to Tell Animal Rescue Shelter Ltd is a Microchip Clinic at the Didsbury Veterinary Services. Starting at 1:00 pm For \$25.00 have your pet identified. Pre- registration is required. call 403-946-0011. Payment cash only.

March 26

Coffee & Conversation at the Didsbury Museum. Artist Elsie Archer will be in house to do a hands on demonstration of "Suminagashi" Ink on Water painting. Coffee & Conversation is free and is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. 1PM to 3:30 PM.

April 5

St. Hilda Chapter No. 27, Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting a Military Whist Card Party on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Masonic Hall. There are door prizes, a food hamper draw and lunch will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person and tickets are available from B. Due at (403) 335-3680 or C. Dahl at (403) 335-4764. All proceeds go toward scholarships.

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@pr.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

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Rotary club holding Westglen fundraiser

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury-Carstairs Rotary Club will host a fundraiser for the Westglen School music program on March 21 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

The fundraiser will benefit the music program, which acts as a feeder program for Didsbury High School.

It will be the Rotary club's first fundraiser that it has undertaken since the club started in August 2012. Rotary has been planning the event for about the last

three months.

"It's just to give their program a little boost," said Wayne McCune, acting president of the club.

The event will feature a dinner starting at about 5:30 p.m. and running until 6:45 p.m. Following the dinner, a program of performances will take place with the *Westglen Whalin' Wildcat Jazz Band* opening up for about 10 minutes, with *Pure Country*, an Airdrie-based fiddle band following. The headliner will be *Marty Antonini and his Gospel Singers*. Antonini is a musician and actor who played the role of Mallen in the series *Heartland*.

"For smaller venues like this (Antonini) has a

group called gospel singers ... but normally he has a choir," McCune said.

At the conclusion of the program, people will be invited to meet the performers.

The event is being put together by about 50 volunteers including from the Airdrie Rotary Club which is sponsoring the Didsbury-Carstairs club. But McCune said more volunteers are welcome.

Tickets, which are available at Country Kitchen and the Didsbury library, are available for both the dinner and entertainment or just the entertainment portion of the evening. The Rotary club hopes to sell about 200 tickets for the event.



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FUTSAL ACTION – Players battle for the ball on March 3 during pick-up futsal at Westglen School. The co-ed games take place on Mondays and Wednesdays with action moving outdoors once the weather improves. Everyone is welcome to drop in.

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DHS basketball teams moving on to zone tournaments

BY PAUL FREY

MVP Staff

Both the Didsbury High School senior basketball teams were victorious by wide margins last week with the boys beating the W.G. Murdoch High School Trojans 59-28 and the girls beating the Hugh Sutherland School Kodiaks 63-28.

The boys will now advance to the south central zone tournament March 14 and 15 in Drumheller while the girls advance to the Chinook's Edge South Athletic Association final on March 10 in Olds. The girls were also to attend the zone tournament March 14 and 15 in Drumheller and will host the provincial 2A tournament from March 19-22.

The boys came out with a good effort in the first quarter against the Trojans, taking a 23-6 lead. The Dragons increased the lead to 23 at the end of the half, 33-10. In the third quarter, the Trojans went on a 5-0 run for the first two minutes and 12 seconds, before the Dragons responded.

The Dragons had a 46-20 lead after three quarters of play. In the fourth quarter, after the W.G. Murdoch coach was called for a technical foul, the Dragons scored two points on free throws.

Coach Bruce Colwell said the players had a great game.

"This was great to see. They came out really strong on defence ... and it transitioned into the offence from there. I'm really proud of these guys. They worked really hard this game," he said.

Colwell said he was pleased to see

the amount of progress players have made over the past three weeks playing a team game, with the Dragons' game coming together at a critical point in the season.

Colwell said while the team didn't get off to a great start to the season, a couple of late additions to the team seemed to spark the Dragons as the season went on.

"I've seen great progression throughout the year and these guys are really coming together at the right time," he said.

Meanwhile, the girls took control of their game from the opening tipoff, leading the Kodiaks 15-0 after the first 10 minutes of play. In the second quarter, the Dragons increased their lead to 23 at 34-11. After three quarters of play, the Dragons had a comfortable 52-16 lead before closing out the game in the fourth.

Henry Paulgaard, the girls' coach, said the team has played well all year and had a good game against the fourth-ranked Kodiaks.

"We've been pretty successful all year. We were fortunate enough to be in that first-place position and we've been working hard this year to do well in our league," he said, adding that DHS has been ranked in the top 15 2A schools throughout the province since the beginning of January.

The Dragons will be one of three Mountain View County teams advancing to the south central zone tournament on March 13 and 14 at Siksika. Sundre High School and Hugh Sutherland School will also represent the area at the eight-team tournament.



Noel West/MVP Staff

Didsbury Dragons player Nathan Archer drives to the hoop during the Dragons playoff game against the Crossfield Trojans at Didsbury High School on March 6. The Dragons won the game 59 to 28 to proceed on to zones.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm.

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The following Development Permits have been issued for these proposed developments:

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 12:00 p.m. on March 25 2014.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

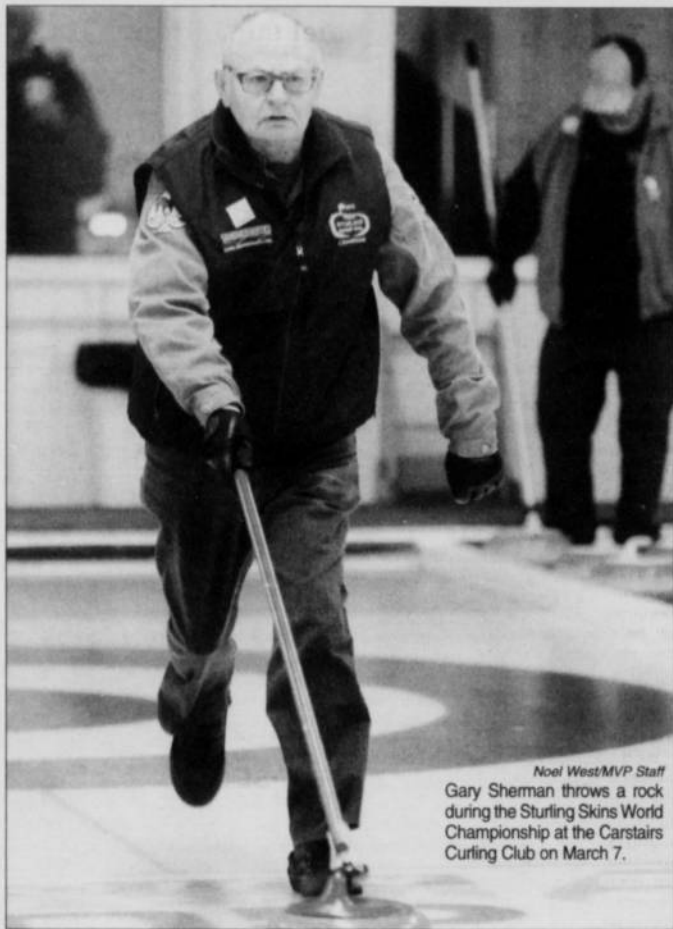
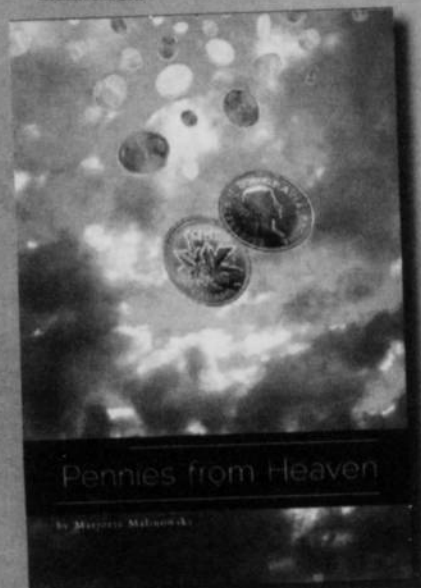
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Noel West/MVP Staff
Gary Sherman throws a rock during the Stirling Skins World Championship at the Carstairs Curling Club on March 7.

Call for Expression of Interest to be a Candidate for Participation in Regional Plan Review Panels

The Government of Alberta is continuing its work on developing seven regional plans under the direction of the Land-use Framework for Alberta. Each plan provides the context and guidance for land and natural resource use in each region to help achieve Alberta's long-term social and economic goals based on a foundation of good environmental management.

Regional plans are developed in consultation with Albertans and become legal instruments once approved by Cabinet. As such, the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* (ALSA) includes provisions for requesting a review of a regional plan or regional plan amendment. To support this review process, the Government of Alberta is creating a standing roster of candidates from which it will select members to participate in review panels for regional plans once the plans have been implemented. The role of the panel will be to consider review requests and provide recommendations to the Government of Alberta.

Candidates from the roster will be invited to participate in panels based on the subject matter of the review and the candidate's area of expertise. Once the roster is established, candidate names will sit on the roster for between two to three years. The roster will consist of a broad range of stakeholders and as such, individuals with a background or interest in property rights, First Nations, business, environment and rural or urban interests are encouraged to apply.

For further information on candidate requirements and to submit your interest for participation in Regional Plan Review Panels, please visit the Land-use Framework website at: <http://www.landuse.alberta.ca>.



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Town to participate in earth hour challenge

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Town of Didsbury is competing in the Earth Hour challenge along with 10 other municipalities for a grant of \$2,500 to better their community facilities.

While Didsbury has participated in the challenge in the past, this is the first year the town will challenge for the grant, which is sponsored by FortisAlberta. The challenge will take place on March 29 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Stephanie Halfyard, the town's facilities and events coordinator, said the town will be doing its part to conserve energy by turning off as many lights as possible and powering down as many electronics as possible.

"We'll get it out on Facebook and radio and posters and we're just asking residents and town employees to unplug any unused items. So that could be from your computer, blenders, your toaster, whatever you have plugged in," Halford said.

The town will also encourage residents to turn down their thermostats, use energy efficient appliances and use LED light bulbs.

"Instead of watching TV for Earth Hour, you could go for a walk and be outside. A little can go a long way," Halfyard said.

The winning community and the results of the challenge will be made public by FortisAlberta sometime in early April.

Fire department update

The month of February has been fairly busy with seven medical assists and four motor vehicle collisions.

None were more serious than on Feb. 16 when we responded to the Queen Elizabeth II Highway in response to a multi-car pileup. Upon arriving we found the southbound lanes backed up quite a ways. When we came up to the scene, it was soon discovered a driver had been struck by another car after getting out surveying the damage to her own car. With blowing snow melting on the road, this led to a domino effect of car collisions. Traffic had to be rerouted back to the overpass and down the service road while the investigators did their work.

Training in February has consisted of recertification of CPR and refresher on our medical practices. We have also begun training two new recruits as well as accepting four more that bring previous experience.

Diesel fuel stolen from work site

Didsbury RCMP received a report that about 1,200 litres of diesel fuel and a portable radio were stolen from a forestry work site west of Water Valley sometime between March 4 at 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the next morning. Police say a suspicious-looking dark Dodge pickup was seen in the area at about 4 a.m. on the morning of March 5.

B and E to locked shed

RCMP received a report that sometime between Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. and Feb.

Police briefs

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

24 at 8 a.m. an undisclosed amount of tools were stolen from a locked shed at a construction site on 12 Street and 15 Avenue.

Rural residence broken into

An iPad was among several items stolen from a rural residence near Twp. Rd. 302 and Rge. Rd. 12 sometime on Feb. 28 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Volkswagon struck

Sometime between Feb. 2 at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. the following day, a Volkswagen Jetta was struck. It was parked near the Princess Petra apartments. Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to call the Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.

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201 Westhill Close



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1409 - 20 Avenue



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\$64,900

18 Willow Way, Olds



Beautiful home, vaulted ceilings, oak kitchen with eating bar, 2+2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fully finished, double detached garage, fenced yard

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102 Westpoint Bay



over 2000 sq ft custom built home, open plan, loft area, huge vaulted ceiling, fieldstone fireplace, 6' claw foot tub, floor heat, massive fenced yard, covered veranda, etc...

\$359,900

1435 - 21 Avenue



4 plex revenue property, 2 X 2 bedroom suites and 2 X 3 bedroom suites, bi-level style, centrally located, good parking.

\$259,000

38 Silverstone Place



Gorgeous 1700 sq ft 2 storey, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, great open plan, beautiful ensuite, corner gas fireplace, huge fenced yard

\$399,900

14 Rosebud Bay



Beautiful 2 acre parcel in Didsbury, 1400 sq ft, 3 + 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, walkout basement, double attached garage, 30X40 heated shop

\$465,000

2, 2200 - 7 Avenue



Calling all first time buyers or investors, 3 bedroom bi-level style unit, 1-1/2 baths, newer flooring, furnace and vinyl siding.

\$127,900

5910 - 60 Street, Olds



Great Curb Appeal! Great Location! Great Home! 1532 sq ft plus developed basement, open plan, lots of built-ins, glassed in rear deck, low maintenance landscaping, drive-through garage

\$469,900

2.50 Acres west of Didsbury



well maintained and upgraded mobile home, wood burning stove, trees, 3 sheds, area prepped for shop, only minutes from Didsbury on pavement

\$349,900

1502 - Mary Place



2 + 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling in living room, bright kitchen and dining areas, large fenced yard, R.V. parking, treated deck, well maintained.

\$298,000

1917 - 17 Street



Maintenance free living! 2 + 1 bedrooms unit, 2 baths, cork flooring on main, corner gas fireplace, main floor laundry, fully finished, reasonable HOA fees.

\$219,900

1.85 Acres at Butte Hills



1266 sq. ft. fully developed cedar log home, 3+1 bdms, 2 baths, granite counter tops, new bent floor, hot tub, heated quonset, paved laneway, excellent location, easy commute.

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1422 - 21 Avenue



Revenue property, 4 plex building with 3 X 2 bedroom suites and 1 X 1 bedroom suite, bi-level style, coin op laundry, lots of parking.

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4.8 Acres on the Valley



1340 sq. ft. bungalow built in 1998, 3 1/2 baths, 4 bdms, walk-out bsmt, in-floor heat, wrap around deck, 32 x 40 heated shop. Great location close to town.

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1.28 acres, 1662 sq ft home full of character, gorgeous kitchen upgrade, beautiful hardwood, claw foot tub in main bath, finished basement, oversized double garage, beautiful setting!

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2102 - 18 Avenue



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